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Matthew 16:24-27; Philippians 3:7-10; Hebrews 12:1-2; Romans 12:1

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

BIG IDEAS

- We are spiritually bankrupt, living for our own kingdom.
- God's blessing is found when we live for His kingdom instead of our kingdoms.
- Sacrifice is a willingness to lose everything the world has to offer to follow Jesus.
- Surrender is an intentional decision to let go of control and be ruled by God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:1-12

TRANSFORM - I AM GROWING

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a "new creation" in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Life, joy, wisdom, and purpose are only found in our treasure, Jesus
- Apart from Jesus we are personally, relationally, and spiritually bankrupt
- The Christian life is about growth not arrival.



Every student should feel...

- Encouraged that Jesus is the treasure our hearts desire
- The depth of their personal and spiritual bankruptcy
- Emboldened to live for God's kingdom alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read the Sermon on the Mount
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week
- Begin practicing some of the basic spiritual disciplines



Every student should want to...

- See the Beatitudes become their attitudes
- Put sin to death and live for God's kingdom
- Pursue Jesus by embracing and practicing spiritual disciplines

FAMILY WORKOUT

This week we will consider how we can lead our son or daughter to a better understanding of what it means to seek God's kingdom over our own. We will pray for wisdom to lead our son or daughter to fully surrender to Christ and practice living a life of sacrifice and surrender to Christ.

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Read and meditate upon Matthew 5:1-12 this week.

- Consider how you can help your son or daughter understand what it means to live for God's kingdom and not our own. Ponder how you can model for your son or daughter living for God's kingdom and sacrificing for the sake of following Jesus fully.
- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter ways to recognize and remove hindrances to our walk with Jesus. Share with your son or daughter how you have sacrificed things from your life in order to fully surrender to Jesus.



Set aside time to pray with your son and daughter every night this week.

- Pray for God to help your family remove hindrances that keep you from fully living a surrendered life to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help each family member live in a way that shows they understand their need for God's help.
- Spend time praying with your student this week. Pray that God would guide your discussions to lead your student to a more surrendered life to God. Pray for wisdom to lead your student to recognize ways that they need to sacrifice in order to seek God's kingdom over their own.



Spend time this week discussing with your son or daughter what it means to seek God's kingdom.

- Discuss ways that the hindrances they've identified in their own life lead them away from God. Discuss practical ways to remove hindrances and share with them ways that you have removed hindrances from your own life.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can live more fully surrendered to God. Share with them how you have removed hindrances from your own life and the practical ways you seek God's kingdom over your own.